

REMARKS

Claims 14, 15, 18 and 21-25 are rejected under 35 US 102(e) as being anticipated by US Published Patent Application No. 2003/0164961 to Daly (hereinafter Daly).

Claims 14, 21, 22 and 23 are independent. Claims 15 and 18 are dependent on claim 14.

A declaration under 37 CFR §1.132 is filed herewith removing Daly as a valid reference. Accordingly, applicant requests reconsideration of this rejection.

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 US 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Published Patent Application No. 2003/0164961 to Daly (hereinafter Daly) in view of US Patent No. 4,758,893 to Lippel (hereinafter Lippel).

Claim 14 is independent. Claim 16 is dependent on claim 14. This rejection is also improper as the cited prior art, Daly, and the current application were subject to an obligation of assignment to the same entity at the time of invention. Both applications were assigned to Sharp Laboratories of America, Inc. at the time of invention. The assignment of the present application is recorded at Reel/Frame: 014425/0393. The assignment of the cited reference is recorded at Reel/Frame: 012566/0006. Furthermore, a declaration under 37 CFR §1.132 is filed herewith removing Daly as a valid reference. Accordingly, applicant requests reconsideration of this rejection.

Appl. No. 10/645,952
Response Dated March 18, 2011
Reply to Office Action of April 6, 2011

Claim 17 is rejected under 35 US 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Published Patent Application No. 2003/0164961 to Daly (hereinafter Daly) in view of US Patent No. 7,110,010 to Masuji (hereinafter Masuji).

Claim 14 is independent. Claim 17 is dependent on claim 14. This rejection is also improper as the cited prior art, Daly, and the current application were subject to an obligation of assignment to the same entity at the time of invention. Both applications were assigned to Sharp Laboratories of America, Inc. at the time of invention. The assignment of the present application is recorded at Reel/Frame: 014425/0393. The assignment of the cited reference is recorded at Reel/Frame: 012566/0006. A declaration under 37 CFR §1.132 is filed herewith removing Daly as a valid reference. Accordingly, applicant requests reconsideration of this rejection.

Claim 20 is allowable subject matter.

Appl. No. 10/645,952
Response Dated March 18, 2011
Reply to Office Action of April 6, 2011

Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner reconsider this rejection in light of the above declaration and statements.

Respectfully submitted,

/Scott C. Krieger/

Scott C. Krieger
Reg. No. 42,768
Tel. No.: (360) 931-6406